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SB 1 Project Will Rebuild & Modernize the Fulkerth Interchange on State Route 99

Project will benefit residents, commuters and truckers by increasing capacity due to \$5.5 million in SB 1 funding

TURLOCK – The City of Turlock and its partners Caltrans and the Stanislaus Council of Governments will rebuild the State Route 99/Fulkerth Road Interchange in a project made possible by funding from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1). The improvement project will widen the road to improve traffic flow now, while positioning the city well for future growth.





"Turlock's ability to grow economically can be greatly hindered by inadequate roadways and interchanges," said Turlock Mayor Gary Soiseth, whose city has grown from 52,000 residents in 2000 to its current 73,000. "Turlock sees this interchange on State Route 99 as the key to bringing thousands of quality jobs to Turlock by increasing the capacity for the movement of products from our industries into the marketplace."

SB 1 is expected to generate \$5.4 billion a year during the next decade, with half of that funding being delivered to local agencies. The SB 1 Local Partnership Program (LPP) supports the infrastructure investments that communities have committed through voter-approved transportation tax measures. The LPP will fund \$5.5 million of the \$12 million SR-99/Fulkerth Interchange Improvement project, with a local community contribution of \$2.5 million and a supplemental Competitive Program match of \$3 million.

The SR-99/Fulkerth Road Interchange is a key piece of infrastructure in Stanislaus County's transportation system, with an average of 87,000 vehicles traveling through this location each day, including 14,800 five-axel trucks that account for nearly 17 percent of the volume. Those trucks bring goods to market that benefit the economy but also add to wear and tear on the roads. Based on recent growth rates, up to 134,000 vehicles a day will pass through the interchange in 2040.

"By widening and realigning all four on and off-ramps, the Fulkerth Road Interchange project is being built with an eye to the future," said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. "This SB 1 project is an example of Caltrans and its local partners working together to benefit the surrounding community as well as California's economy."

The project will rebuild and/or realign ramps so there will be two lanes on each, with room to accommodate future carpool lanes and ramp metering. Shoulders and sidewalks will be added to Fulkerth Road which will be widened to at least six lanes. The project will also realign adjacent Diane Drive and install traffic signals at the four highway ramps.

"It's thanks to the County, Turlock officials, StanCOG and the voters for having the foresight to ensure we smartly develop vital trade corridors and connectors like this interchange so California and our Valley continues to grow," said Senator Anthony Cannella (R-Ceres), Vice Chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in December 2019. The City of Turlock, Caltrans and the Stanislaus Council of Governments appreciate the patience of motorists and businesses as we move forward on these critical improvements and would like to remind motorists to travel safely. Please [Be Work Zone Alert](#) and slow down and [Move Over](#) if safe to do so.

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